

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. An point of sale or service comprising:  
2 a register;  
3 a peripheral; and  
4 a protocol converter, communicatively coupling the register  
5 and the peripheral.

1 2. The point of sale or service of claim 1, wherein the  
2 register communicate with the protocol converter using a first protocol and  
3 the peripheral communicates with protocol converter using a second  
4 protocol.

1 3. The point of sale or service of claim 2, wherein the  
2 register and the protocol converter communicate using TCP/IP.

1 4. The point of sale or service of claim 2, further comprising:  
2 a second peripheral communicating with the register using the  
3 first protocol without the aid of the protocol converter.

1 5. The point of sale or service of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 a processor, communicatively coupled to the protocol  
3 converter, for accessing the peripheral.

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